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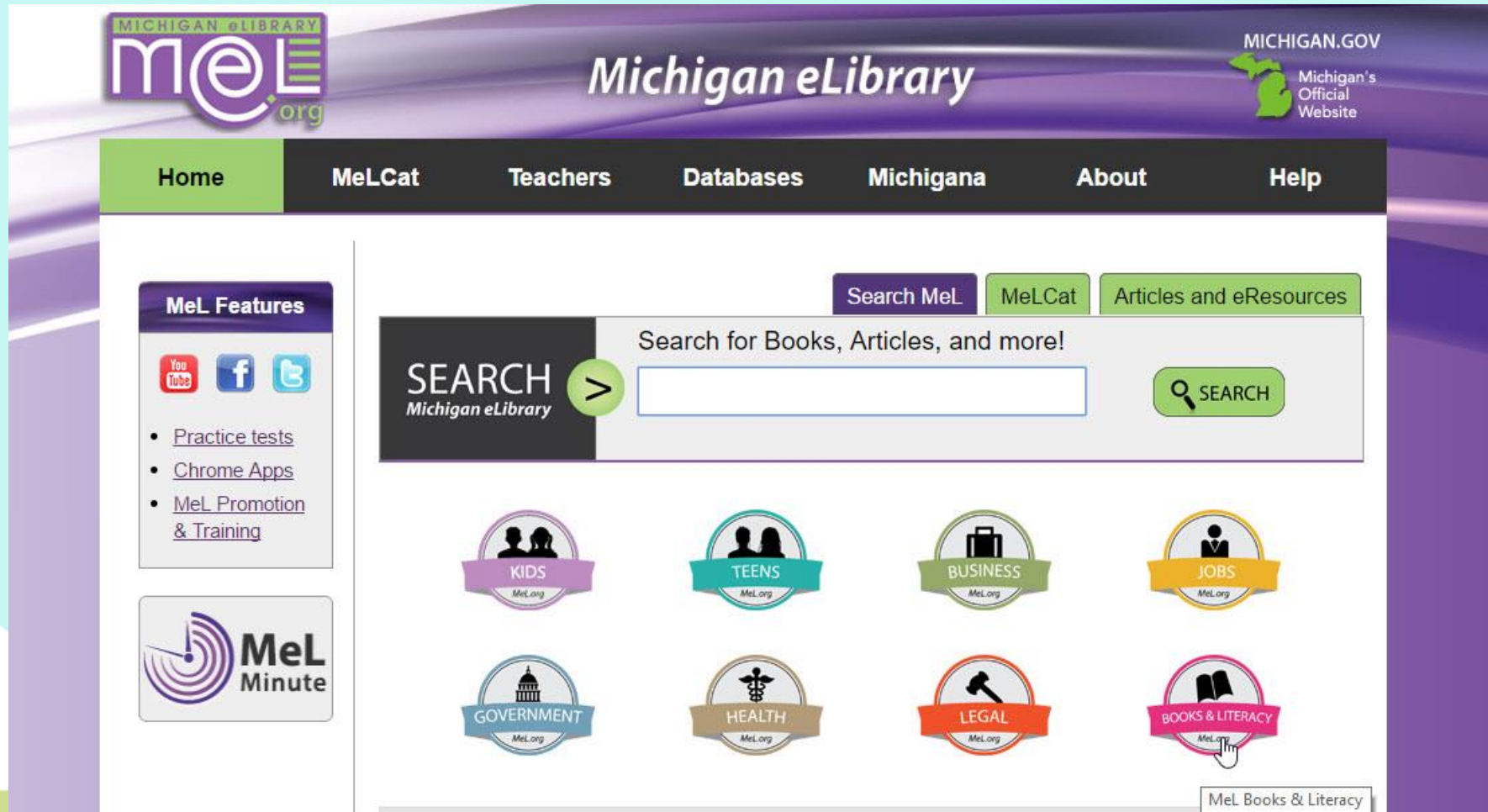


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# How to find MeL eBooks: Books & Literacy (mel.org/books)



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# Scholastic's BookFLIX

- Each *BookFLIX* pair\* includes:
  - Streaming Video of a Picture Book
  - Related NonFiction for reading
  - Games, Author profile & Internet links
  - \*Includes 70 Spanish titles
- Raise Awareness:
  - Parent Letter
  - Featured Pair
  - “Meet the Author” or Fun Fact Hunts
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**EDUCATOR RESOURCES**

### Library Programs

*BookFlix* can be an invaluable tool for use in your library's preschool and primary grade programming, adding depth and interactive excitement to group programs for those ages. Arranged in nine broad category groups, the individual programs each feature a popular topic of interest to young children. Use a category group as your general theme for a six- to ten-week program series and then choose one of the topics within that category for your program focus each week. For example, your general theme for the program series could be Animals and Nature. Individual programs for each week of that general theme could be developed around topics such as Bears, Farms, Rain, Monkeys, Dinosaurs, Snakes, Tadpoles, Pets, the Zoo, and Spiders.

Raise awareness of your library's *BookFlix* subscription by customizing the following letters and distributing them to patrons, colleagues, and parents:

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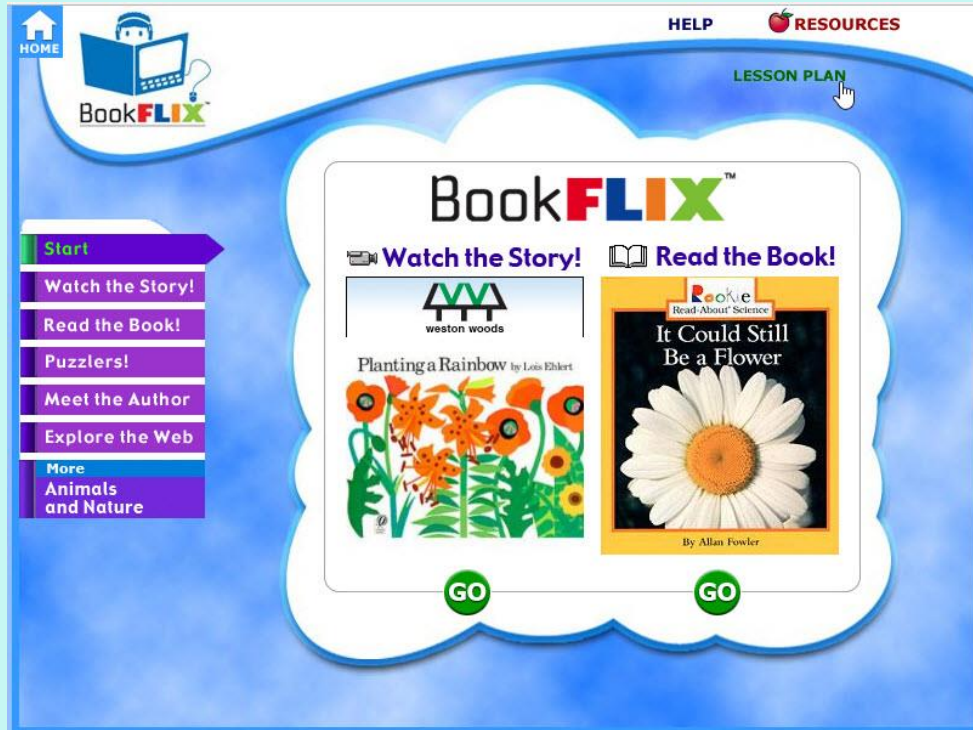
[BookFlix Parent Letter](#)

### Program Preparation

1. Choose the topic for the week.
2. Identify books in your library's collection that will tie in to the topic for the week. Use resources such as *A to Zoo: Subject Access to Children's Picture Books* (by Carolyn and John Lima, Libraries Unlimited, 2005, 7th edition) or your own library online catalog. Gather age appropriate titles and make them available for parents to borrow after your program.



# Scholastic's BookFLIX



Once you Choose a book Pairing:

- “Watch” the story, than “read” the nonfiction pairing
  - Hover over Vocabulary words to see (or hear) definition
  - Increases comprehension while kids have fun!
- Lesson Plans, Puzzlers, Meet the Author
- Explore the Web
- Find more on the topic by browsing the BookFLIX collection
- Grades PreK-3rd





# Scholastic's BookFLIX

The screenshot shows the Scholastic BookFLIX interface for the book 'Planting a Rainbow'. On the left is a vertical navigation menu with options: Start, Watch the Story!, Read the Book!, Puzzlers!, Word Match, Meet the Author, Explore the Web, and More Animals and Nature. The 'Word Match' option is highlighted. The main area is titled 'Word Match for' with a small image of a flower. Below the title, it says 'Read the clue below. Click on the word it matches. Match all the words to uncover a picture.' A clue is provided: 'Clue: liked above all others'. Below the clue is a 2x2 grid of colored boxes containing the words: bloom (blue), wildflowers (orange), favorite (yellow), soil (green), shrubs (purple), and buds (pink). A mouse cursor is pointing at the word 'shrubs'. At the bottom right of the grid, there is a small copyright notice: '© Clipart.com/Jupiterimages'.

“Build A Better World” program example: select the *Planting a Rainbow* pairing and review the Lesson Plans:

## Planting a Rainbow

**Subject(s):** Language Arts, Science

**Grade Level(s):** preK-1

**Fiction Resource**

*Planting a Rainbow*

Written and Illustrated by Lois Ehlert

Grades: PreK-3

Lexile Level: 170

Themes: Flowers, Seasons and Nature, Horticulture, Families

## Before Viewing the Video

Introduce students to the vocabulary. You can write vocabulary words on index cards and place them around the room, or pair words with pictures. If you have ESL students, make sure that you introduce the vocabulary words to them a few days before the lesson.

**blooms:** the flowers on a plant

**catalog:** a book of things that you can order and that will be delivered to your home

**rainbow:** an arc of color in the sky which is created with sunlight and rain

**seedlings:** young plants

**seeds:** the tiny parts of a plant that are put in the ground

**sow:** to plant seeds

**sprout:** the first shoot of a plant

Ask students to make a few predictions regarding what they think the video will be about.

Bring a variety of different types of seeds and bulbs to the class. Have students draw a picture of each seed and either write or tell some of their observations about the seeds.

Have students share any experiences they may have with planting a garden. What do they like about it? How do they feel when they see the fruits of their labors?

The screenshot shows the 'Meet the Author' section of the Scholastic BookFLIX interface for 'Planting a Rainbow'. On the left is a vertical navigation menu with options: Start, Watch the Story!, Read the Book!, Puzzlers!, Meet the Author, Explore the Web, and More Animals and Nature. The 'Meet the Author' option is highlighted. The main area features a large speech bubble containing a biography of Lois Ehlert. To the left of the text is a small icon of a person with a speech bubble and the word 'LISTEN'. To the right of the text is a small image of the book cover. The biography text reads: 'When Lois Ehlert was growing up, everyone in her house was always making something. Her mother was an excellent seamstress and taught her daughter to sew too. Her father had a basement workshop and a ready supply of scrap lumber and nails. Ehlert also enjoyed drawing on paper. But she preferred to assemble bits and pieces—stitching, cutting, pounding, and pasting them together to make art. Watching her parents make things made a lasting impression. She says she'd still rather cut something out with her own hands and glue it down, rather than draw it. Ehlert loves plants and animals and all the things she sees in nature, and these inspire her every day'.

# World Book's **Early World of Learning**

## PreK - 2nd

- Follow Trek and Taffy the cat around the world learning about colors, numbers and other fun things
- Strengthen reading foundations with stories, activities, and videos
- Explore the Know It encyclopedia designed especially for young readers



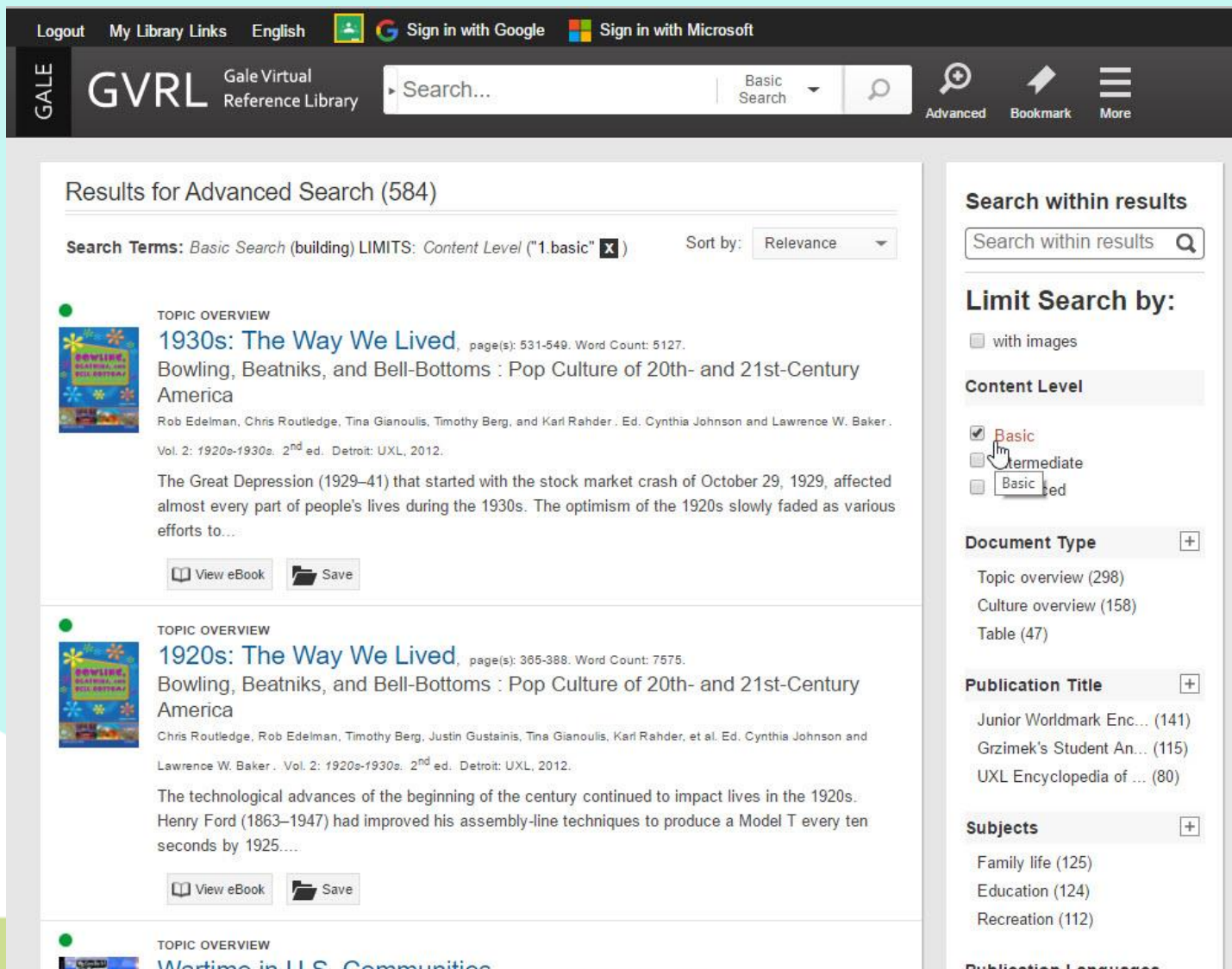
## Print & Do

*Print & Do* activities are printable PDF documents. They are available in English and Spanish and are browsable by subject. These activities are meant to supplement the early developmental themes found in *Trek's Travels*. [Find the complete list of downloadable materials here:](http://www.worldbookonline.com/training/e wol/assets/Downloads_On_EWOL.xls)

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# Gale Virtual Reference Library



The screenshot shows the GVRL interface with a dark header bar containing navigation links like 'Logout', 'My Library Links', and 'Sign in with Google/Microsoft'. Below the header, the 'GVRL' logo and a search bar are visible. The main content area displays 'Results for Advanced Search (584)' with search terms and filters. Two topic overview cards are shown, each with a book cover, title, page count, word count, and a brief description. The right sidebar offers filters for 'Search within results', 'Limit Search by' (with images), 'Content Level' (Basic, Intermediate, Basic Ed), 'Document Type' (Topic overview, Culture overview, Table), 'Publication Title' (Junior Worldmark Enc..., Grzimek's Student An..., UXL Encyclopedia of ...), and 'Subjects' (Family life, Education, Recreation).

- Don't forget to limit the search to "Basic" for younger patrons, Intermediate is good for Tweens & some Teens
- Adobe Flash Player 10.0 or higher is required to run the ebooks
- Citation Tools
- Email, Download, Print options
- Some titles include MP3, Highlight/Notes options, Sharing







# MeL's NovelList K-8 Plus

- Fiction/NonFiction **book lists** for Teen, 9-12 and 0-8 age ranges.
- Book lists by subject, awards won, State Standards, Lexile Reading levels, etc.
- Create reading “wish list”
- Quick Links: Books to Movies, Common Core, Book Lists, Picture Book Extenders, etc.



The screenshot shows the MeL's NovelList K-8 Plus website. At the top is a navigation bar with links: Home, Browse By, Especially For, Quick Links, and How Do I?. Below this is a search bar with a 'Keyword' dropdown, a text input field with the placeholder 'Type in words about the books you want to find', and a green 'Search' button. To the right of the search bar is a link to 'Search Other Databases'. Below the search bar are links for 'Basic Search', 'Advanced Search', and 'Search History'. The main content area is divided into two columns. The left column is titled 'Recommended Reads Lists' and has tabs for 'Fiction' and 'Nonfiction'. Under 'Fiction', there are links for 'Teen', 'Ages 9-12', and 'Ages 0-8'. Below these are various book list categories like 'Adventure Stories', 'All Kinds of Lives', 'All Kinds of Reads', 'Animal Stories', 'Best of 2016', 'Canadian Fiction', 'Classics', 'Family', 'Fantasy and Science Fiction', 'For Fans Of...', 'Friendship Stories', 'Graphic Novels and Manga', 'Historical Fiction', 'Holiday Stories', 'Horror', 'Humor', 'If You Like...', 'Mysteries', 'Realistic Fiction', and 'Sports Stories'. The right column is titled 'I'm in the mood for books that are...' and has tabs for 'Teen', 'Ages 9-12', and 'Ages 0-8'. Below these are four mood categories: 'Action-packed and Suspenseful', 'Compelling and Thoughtful', 'Emotionally intense and Engaging', and 'Angst-filled and Uplift'. Under 'Action-packed and Suspenseful', there is a section 'Then what happened?' with five book covers: 'Winter's Bullet', 'Sing Down the Stars', 'Deadfall', 'Rat Runners', and 'Sherlock Holmes: Snake Bite'. Below the book covers is a link 'Want to make your own combo? Try our appeal mixer'. At the bottom of the right column is a section 'Browse Genres' with three grids of book covers: 'For Teens', 'For Ages 9-12', and 'For Ages 0-8'.







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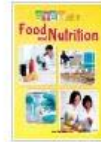
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By: Katirgis, Jane. Vero Beach : Rourke Educational Media. 2014. eBook.

**Subjects:** TECHNOLOGY & ENGINEERING / Food Science; Nutrition--Vocational guidance--Juvenile literature; Food--Vocational guidance--Juvenile literature; Vocational guidance--Juvenile literature



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### 2. Great Ships on the Great Lakes : A Maritime History



eBook

By: Green, Catherine; Malone, Bobbie; Gray, Jefferson J. Edition: First edition. Madison, WI : Wisconsin Historical Society Press. 2013. eBook.

**Subjects:** TRANSPORTATION / General; JUVENILE NONFICTION / History / United States / State & Local; JUVENILE NONFICTION / History / United States / 19th Underwater Craft; TRANSPORTATION / Ships & Shipbuilding / General; TRANSPORTATION / Ships & Shipbuilding / History; Ships--Great Lakes (North America) History--Juvenile literature; Navigation--Great Lakes (North America)--History--Juvenile literature



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### 3. Explore Simple Machines!



eBook

By: Yasuda, Anita; Stone, Bryan. White River Junction, Vt : Nomad Press. 2011. eBook.

**Subjects:** TECHNOLOGY & ENGINEERING / Machinery; Simple machines--Juvenile literature



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### 4. Myths and Controversies



eBook

By: Ollhoff, Jim. Series: Climate Change. Edina, Minn : Abdo Publishing. 2011. eBook.

**Subjects:** TECHNOLOGY & ENGINEERING / Environmental / Pollution Control; Global warming--Juvenile literature; Climatic changes--Juvenile literature



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All maps have **titles**, which tell us about the map. **Orientation** tells us how the map is drawn on the paper. Most maps have North at the top. The **date** and **author** tell us who wrote the map and when. The date can be important because maps and places change over time. The **legend** and **index** explain the symbols on the maps. Things such as schools, roads and railway tracks all have their own **symbols**. The **grid system** is a system of horizontal and vertical lines drawn on the map. The letters stand for columns and the numbers stand for rows. In this way, people can describe where things are located. For example, if you read in the index in the image below that there is a bridge at B5, you can find that bridge easily on your map. The final 'S' stands for **surrounding areas**. All maps show the places close to them. This helps people to understand where the map is.

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**Map of North America**

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